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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON PREPARATIONS
FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS)

REF: (A) UN DOCUMENT A/C.2/31/L.88; (B) MYERSON/WYMAN
TELECONS OF DECEMBER 13, 1976; (C) STATE 302255

1. SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 13 THE SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED
AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION IN REF A ON PREPARATIONS
FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS)
WITHOUT A VOTE. AFTER PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS, THE U. S.
DELEGATION WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING CO-SPONSORS TO
ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT IN REFTEL C, PARAGRAPH 2 TO
ENABLE THE U. S. TO JOIN CONSENS. END SUMMARY.

2. THREE AMENDMENTS WERE MADE IN THE TEXT IN REF A. IN
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 THE WORDS "OF THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL" WERE REPLACED BY THE PHRASE " AS WELL AS THE
ACC." ALSO IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 THE WORDS "DESIGNED
AS AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF
THE ABOVEMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" WERE DELETED IN FAVOR
OF "TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTIONS
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER
AND THE OTHER ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTIONS." THE FINAL CHANGE
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WAS MADE IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2, WHERE, AFTER THE WORDS

"THIRTY-SECOND SESSION," THE ADDITIONAL PHRASE "THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS RESUMED SIXTY-THIRD SESSION" WAS INSERTED.

3. IN THE U. S. EXPLANATION OF VOTE, AMBASSADOR MYERSON EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE THAT A CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE UN SECRETARIAT WILL OBJECTIVELY TAKE ALL MATERIAL INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW IDS.

4. THE UK, FRANCE, AND THE FRG ALL EMPHASIZED ECOSOC'S IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY IN REVIEWING THE PREPARATIONS. THE FRG DELEGATE REGRETTED THAT ECOSOC WAS NOT GIVEN A MORE SUBSTANTIVE MANDATE IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE RESOLUTION. THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A REPORT WAS INTERPRETED BY THE FRENCH DELEGATE AS NOT PREJUDGING THE WORK OF EITHER ECOSOC OR THE THIRTY-SECOND UNGA. THE BRITISH AND THE SWEDES STRESSED THE NEED FOR A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATIONS OF THE NEW IDS.

5. IN A PREVIEW OF THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT OVER THE ISSUE IN ECOSOC, THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE ASSERTED THAT IN HIS UNDERSTANDING, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 DID NOT INFER A "SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION" OF THIS ISSUE IN ECOSOC.
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